

First Glance, Forever Love by Maria Xavier Chapter 20

Chapter 20 Play the Innocent

Rosemary kept silent.

Anyone who was set up by Erin would complain, but Laila did not say anything. Instead, she directly admitted the mistake and tried to please her father.

It showed that Laila was a person who could remain calm under urgent circumstances.

The calmer a person was, the more terrifying his counterattack would be.

"Baby, listen up." Rosemary solemnly said, "I've given it some thought. Today, you just have to accept the award. Don't say anything. When we completely know her, it won't be too late to find an opportunity to knock her down."

"Got it, mom." Erin obediently agreed, but in her heart, she did not care.

In Laila's room.

Laila looked at the simple hotel room, while she wasn't unhappy.

It didn't matter that Drake didn't favor her for the time being, Laila's arrival had disturbed the family, and when it got into more trouble, Laila would be able to find the truth she wanted.

The ceremony started in half an hour.

Before leaving the room, Laila walked in front of the mirror and adjusted her hair.

She looked sweet and was a very good girl.

But only Laila herself knew that she was playing the innocent.

Only in this way could she fool the foe and hit the enemies hard.

The venue looked grand, with the coffee provided by various coffee bean sponsors placed everywhere. **There was a strong** smell of coffee.

Erin walked into the venue, took a cup of coffee, and sniffed it. Then she turned to Drake and said, "It's not bad. It smells very mellow. Given the size of the coffee bean, I guess ... it's from Columbia."

The sponsor at the side just heard it and came over to say with appreciation, "Young lady, you're right. Its place of origin is Columbia."

The sponsor praised Erin. Drake was elated when he heard this. He looked at Erin with pride.

Erin was very proud. But when she looked up, she saw the sponsor looking at Laila in shock. The sponsor **was attracted** to Laila.

Erin even thought the sponsor would drool if he continued staring at Laila.

Erin was both annoyed and jealous.

Erin was the same age as Laila, only in her early twenties. In fact, she was still a little girl, and sometimes **she was** childish.

After a few more years, when Laila grew mature, she would become much more stunning.

At that time, Erin would be even further dwarfed by Laila.

The more Erin thought about it, the angrier she was. She wished that Laila could disappear immediately.

Erin thought the bumpkin Laila should not have appeared and disturbed her life.

Erin directly took two steps to the left, blocking the sponsor's view. She casually picked up a cup of coffee and handed it to Laila with an evil smile.

Erin insisted on giving the coffee to Laila and said, "Laila, have a taste of their coffee. I think it's pretty good."

Before Laila could say anything, Erin suddenly covered her mouth and said, "I forgot ... Laila, you have always been in the countryside. You must have never had coffee, right?"

Hearing that, the sponsor became a little disappointed. He was here to look for an advertising endorser. Just now, he thought that Laila was perfect.

He thought, hasn't this girl even had coffee before? **She's even from the countryside..**

Such a girl isn't suitable to be the advertising **endorser**, no matter how beautiful she is. Otherwise, it will **cause** negative **effects**.

I can't choose her

Laila didn't care about Erin's words she just wanted to **laste it.**

So Laila took a sip of the coffee, but she frowned. "it's too bitter."

It smelled good,
but it lasted bitter. Its altortasie wasn't mellow but bitter. **Anyway, it was not as good a
s Erin said.**

Erin directly took back the coffee from Laila and thought that Laila did not **know colle
c.**

In Erin's eyes, how could a bumplein klow collec?

Erin was satisfied with Laila's **reaction**, and she turned to the **sponsor and said** apolo
getically, "I'm sorry, sir. **Your coffee isn't bad.** It's just that my sister is not **used to coff
ee.**"

The sponsor was more determined that he could not choose Laila.

He thought Laila didn't know coffee at all.

He smiled at Erin and said, "It doesn't matter. It's normal that she can't get used to coffe
e. I'll leave **the time to you. Please excuse me.**"

The sponsor nodded at Erin and turned to leave.

Drake stared after ile sponsor and was deep in thought

He thought Erin was indeed much better than Laila.

Rosemary was afraid that Drake would be angry and deliberately said **in an accusator
y fone**, "Erin, **low could you give your sister coffee bclore so many people?**"

Erin looked wronged. "I forgot..."

Drake

waved his hand and said, "She's just a child and **always forgetful. But Laila, low coul
d you say the coffee is bitter in front of the
sponsor? You've really embarrassed me!**"

Laila looked down and apologized, "I'm sorry, dad. Please don't be angry..."

"**Never mind.**" Drake looked away
impatiently and said to Erin, "It's about time. **Go backstage and prepare. We'll wai
t for you to get the award in the audience.**"

“Okay, dad.” Erin wore a sweet smile. She waved at Rosemary and walked backstage with the certificate.

Laila followed Drake and Rosemary to the audience.

However, Laila was left far behind by Drake as if he was avoiding something dirty. It seemed that Laila was not with

him.

This was Laila’s father, who would abandon her at any time when she lost value.

At that time, Laila looked both serious and lonely. But in just a moment, she hid her feelings and followed Drake silently.

After they sat down, the ceremony soon began.

More people were present today than usual. It was because Vincent attended this year’s ceremony.

Many people scrambled to attend the ceremony just to have connections with Vincent.

Finally, at the end of the host’s introduction, the guests showed up.

The first person was one of the founders of Royal Coffee Academy, the second was a famous barista, and the third was Reed, whom Laila happened to meet on the plane.

The last guest...

“Finally, please welcome the president of the Kruger Group, Vincent!”

There was great applause when the audience heard Vincent’s name

After all, more than half of the audience was there for Vincent.

The camera was immediately pointed at the backstage exit. After the ceremony, the stall would edit the video and post it on the social media account of Royal College Academy.

Every year, the ceremony video would attract much attention, mainly because Vincent would appear.

Vincent walked naturally to the front of the stage and bowed to everyone calmly.

However, when he looked around the audience, he suddenly saw a familiar person.

Was it her ... Laila?

Vincent fixed his eyes on Laila for two seconds before he looked away. Then he bowed to the audience. "Hello everyone, I am Vincent."

There was greater applause.

Vincent was about to take his scal. Given the audience was well-received, the host stopped him and said, "Mr. Kruger, people like you so much. Why don't you say more?"

Vincent wanted to refuse, but when he thought of Laila in the audience, he agreed.

Vincent cleared his throat. For the first time, he added, "It's an honor to be invited by the Royal Coffee Academy to the awards ceremony. At the end of the ceremony, I will announce the advertising endorser of *Midnight Coffee House*."

Erin heard that backstage through the sound system.

At that moment, her heart beat fast, and her eyes glistened as if she would be at her peak in the next second.

To be the advertising endorser of *Midnight Coffee House* meant that Erin could often meet Vincent.

Moreover, it could help her get the role in a famous director's new movie. In other words, Erin would enter the upper class.

At the thought of that, Erin clenched her fists. She was the champion, and she would definitely be the advertising

On the stage.

The host made a little speech and asked Vincent to his seat. Then, he invited Reed to the stage.

Reed wore a bright smile. He looked in Laila's direction casually, then looked around at the audience and said, "Thank you all for the awards ceremony..."

After that, Reed got straight to the point. "Well, now I'll announce the results of this competition. The second-place

award goes to..."

Soon, the first and the second place winners accepted their awards, and it was time for the champion.

Reed paused and then said, "Congratulations to our champion, Erin Harmon!"

Erin, who was backstage, took a deep breath and excitedly walked toward the stage.

There sounded thunderous applause.

Erin blushed as she took the championship trophy from Reed.

The trophy was made of gold and was very heavy. Erin held it and was on cloud nine.

"Thank you, everyone. Thank you, Mr. Evans, and thank my parents for always supporting me. I will continue to work hard!"

Erin was so excited that her voice broke.

At that moment, Reed said, "Now, please welcome Mr. Kruger for announcing the advertising endorser."

Erin became even more excited.

She watched Vincent walk up the stage and almost forgot to pass him the microphone.

Vincent took the microphone and said, "I'll announce the advertising endorser directly."

Erin was both excited and nervous. She even felt that her palms got sweaty.

There it was!

The peak of her life!